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RE: Advisory Opinion

Dear:

I have represented the City of Ponchatoula as their attorney on a contractual basis since September of 2012. The current City Clerk has expressed to the City that she will be leaving her job with the City to seek other employment. I am considering hiring the City Clerk upon her resignation from the City. I have not offered her a position at this time. She is not resigning with the intention of working with my office. Prior to entertaining the idea any further I am seeking the Board' opinion on whether there are any potential violations.

The City Clerk is a Municipal Officer pursuant to the Lawrason Act. She handles various tasks for the City. For my office she would be in a clerical role. I do not anticipate that she would be handling any affairs for my office that were handled in her work capacity with the City. If I were to employ her she would not be directly involved with the City. Please advise as to your thoughts on this issue.

Sincerely,



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